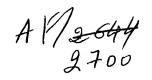


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In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 6, 2000, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration. Applicant has reviewed the Office Action and believes that the claims now pending in the application patentably distinguish over the art that has been cited by the Examiner. With the following arguments and explanations, it is believed that all claims in this application should now be in condition for allowance.